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PRODUCTION OF COTTON IN A.P.
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of cotton in Andhra Pradesh has been constantly decreasing and affecting the textile production targets in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the production of cotton recorded during each of the last three years; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): The production of cotton in Andhra Pradesh is showing an upward trend during 1997-98 to 1999-2000 as is indicated below:-

(Million bales of 170 kgs. each)

1997-98	1.32
1998-99	1.52
1999-2000	1.60

The availability of raw cotton during the above mentioned years was adequate to meet the requirement of domestic textile industry in the country including State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c): The Government has launched the Technology Mission on Cotton to improve theproductivity and quality of cotton in the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh.